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## 👤 SUMMARY

Cybersecurity professional with an MSc in Cybersecurity and hands-on experience in threat detection, SIEM monitoring, and web application security. Skilled in Splunk, Python Automation, Log Analysis, and OWASP with certifications including Security+ and CySA+. I bring a strong analytical mindset, clear problem-solving ability, and a continuous learning approach focused on improving detection quality, strengthening defenses, and delivering reliable value to a security team.

## 🧠 SKILLS

- Threat Detection
- Log Analysis
- Splunk / Wazuh
- Zeek
- Wireshark
- Linux
- Network Monitoring
- Team building
- Incident Response
- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Security Information and Event Management
- Python
- Firewalls
- Windows
- OWASP
- Adaptability

## 🧰 EXPERIENCE

**TEAM LEAD**, McDonald's 06/2023 – 11/2025 | United Kingdom

- **Led** a team of five to seven crew members to maintain smooth shift operations, improving workflow accuracy and service consistency, and strengthening my attention to detail and process discipline.
- **Monitored** POS systems, order screens, and dashboards to spot irregularities, reducing transaction errors and maintaining data accuracy, which improved my ability to detect anomalies early.
- **Trained** new staff on correct and safe use of digital tools, decreasing operational mistakes and improving team efficiency, while enhancing my communication and coaching skills.
- **Managed** daily stock checks and digital inventory updates, reducing discrepancies and improving record integrity, reinforcing the importance of accurate data handling.
- **Resolved** customer issues and documented incidents clearly, ensuring smooth escalations and improving service quality, which strengthened my structured incident-handling approach.
- **Collaborated** with supervisors to report equipment faults and workflow bottlenecks, supporting quick resolution and minimizing disruption, and developing better risk awareness and escalation judgment.

**CYBERSECURITY RESEARCHER**, Nybble IT 05/2022 – 10/2022 | United Kingdom

- **Analyzed** web payment security protocols and presented findings at the GM Chamber, improving client awareness and adoption of stronger encryption practices, which strengthened my ability to communicate complex security concepts clearly.

- **Conducted** vulnerability assessments using automated tools and manual testing, identifying key weaknesses and contributing to more secure system configurations, enhancing my practical understanding of offensive and defensive techniques.
- **Developed** incident response strategies for simulated attacks, reducing recovery time and improving response readiness, while deepening my knowledge of structured IR workflows.
- **Collaborated** with developers and technical teams to apply security improvements, enhancing system resilience against external threats, and reinforcing my cross-team communication and secure design mindset.
- **Documented** security findings and recommended controls, supporting informed decision making and compliance efforts, which improved my ability to produce clear, actionable reports.

## PROJECTS

### Wazuh SIEM Home Lab

Designed and implemented a Wazuh SIEM security monitoring lab leveraging AWS EC2 and virtual endpoints, demonstrating proficiency in real-time threat detection, file integrity monitoring, and security event analysis across multiple operating systems.

### PCAPThreatHunter

Created a Python tool to automate the extraction of Indicators of Compromise (IOCs) from Zeek logs and match them with open-source threat intelligence platforms including AbuseIPDB, AlienVault, and Abuse.ch.

### SecureGuard

Developed a Linux-based automated solution for endpoint protection, vulnerability detection, and real-time security monitoring, significantly reducing manual analyst workload.

### Auto-Recon

Engineered an automated reconnaissance utility using Python and Nmap to streamline vulnerability assessments and reduce scan time during penetration testing activities.

## CERTIFICATIONS

Splunk Core Certified User	01/04/2025
CompTIA CYSA+	01/12/2024
CompTIA Security+	01/09/2024

## EDUCATION

**MSc, Cybersecurity**, Lancaster University 09/2021 – 09/2022 | United Kingdom

- **Completed** an NCSC-certified master’s program with hands-on work in threat detection, incident response, and secure system design, strengthening my technical foundation and ability to analyse and defend against evolving cyber threats.

**Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Engineering**, 08/2016 – 11/2020 | India

- Pillai College of Engineering
- **Studied** core computing principles including networking, programming, and system architecture, building the analytical and technical base that supports my cybersecurity problem-solving and tool proficiency.

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Marathi
- Hindi
- Gujarati